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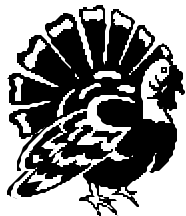
## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on frozen 8-16 lb. hens was steady, 16-24 lb. toms steady to barely steady. Inquiry was very light. Limited trading was reported for fill-in needs on packer label hens. Offerings of hens and toms are mixed. Bulk parts and meats trading seasonally slow.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand was inactive. Offerings limited.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 25, 2003**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-66	65	65.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-71	68	68.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 NOVEMBER 2003.

The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady for current shipments. Demand light to fair. Some processors have noted increased activity for post holiday plant start-up with buyers taking add-ons to their normal commitments. The undertone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady with some increased unsettledness noted. Demand light. However, the shortened holiday week processing schedules has resulted in premiums being paid on tom drums for prompt shipments in order to satisfy needs. The undertone on thigh meat was steady to weak for non-Russian approved thigh meat. Trading light on all items. Frozen non-basted breasts: plant grade 12-16 lb. 98, Grade A 10-12 lb. 102, 14-16 lb. and 18-20 lb. 110, frozen close trimmed thigh meat 96 cents delivered domestic. For export: -60 days age -20% mechanically separated turkey 14, fresh thigh meat 86 cents delivered.

<b>DOMESTIC TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE RANGE</b>	<b>L.S.T. CODE 1/</b>	<b>WTD AVG PRICE</b>	<b>VOLUME (000)</b>
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	91.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		T	169.00	59
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00-45.00		44.74	46
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	38.00		38.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00		44.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	43.00		43.00	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	43.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	2
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	110.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	150.00	200
THIGH MEAT	91.00		91.00	7
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	91.00		91.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	82.00		82.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	73.00	80
TENDERLOINS	93.00		93.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	91.00		91.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	113.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	19.00	40
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	41.91	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	43.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	80.10	196

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

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Market activity seasonally slow with trading centered on a light volume of fresh tom breast meat for post-holiday needs. Offerings mixed.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
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DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	38.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00		44.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	43.00	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.70	114
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	110.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	150.00		150.00	280
THIGH MEAT		T	91.00	7
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	91.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	82.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	78.00		78.00	40
TENDERLOINS		T	93.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	82.50		82.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	114.00-115.00		114.33	90
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	14
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		M	19.00	40
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